

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-3  
TAGS: PDIP, US, VN  
SUBJECT: US-VIETNAM RELATIONS: THIRD ROUND OF TALKS

REF: STATE 281157

1. EMBOFF MADE CONTACT WITH SRV LIAISON OFFICER  
DO THANH ON NOVEMBER 24 AND ARRANGED TO MEET AT  
1430 NOVEMBER 25. EMBOFF PROVIDED THE LIST OF THE  
MEMBERS OF THE US SIDE AS CONTAINED IN PARA 2 REFTEL  
AND MADE THE POINTS IN PARA 1.

2. DO THANH GAVE EMBOFF THE FOLLOWING LIST OF FOUR  
MEMBERS OF THE VIETNAMESE DELEGATION AND THE  
INTERPRETER:

1. PHAN HIEN, DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER
2. PHAN VAN HUNG, ECONOMIC COUNSELLOR  
OF THE SRV EMBASSY
3. DO THANH, FIRST SECRETARY OF THE  
SRV EMBASSY
4. TRAN THIEN CAN, PRESS OFFICER OF  
THE SRV EMBASSY  
LE MAI, DEPARTMENT OF NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS  
OF MFA, INTERPRETER

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(DO THANH NOTED THAT ONLY TWO PERSONS WERE COMING  
FROM HANOI BECAUSE OF THE EXPENSE.)

3. DO THANH SAID THAT HIS INSTRUCTIONS  
BASICALLY FOLLOWED THOSE IN PARA 1, REFTEL.  
A. THE SRV WAS PROPOSING 930 OR 1000 DECEMBER 7

AS THE TIME OF THE FIRST MEETING, AND THEREFORE  
ACCEPTED OUR PROPOSAL FOR 1000. THEY THOUGHT THAT  
THE MEETINGS COULD TAKE PLACE NEARLY CONTINUOUSLY  
IN ORDER TO AVOID WASTING TIME. HOWEVER, EITHER  
SIDE COULD PROPOSE INTERRUPTIONS IF IT WERE NECESSARY  
TO GET INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS.  
B. THE SRV EMBASSY HAS ALREADY INFORMED THE GOF OF  
THE PLACE AND DAYS OF THE MEETINGS. C. THE SRV  
AGREED TO HAVE THE SAME SYSTEM OF RECORDING THE  
SESSIONS AS LAST TIME. D. THE SRV AGREED TO HAVE  
THE PRESS HANDLED AS THE PREVIOUS TIMES. THEY WOULD  
PERMIT A POOL OF JOURNALISTS INTO THE EMBASSY  
CONFERENCE ROOM TO PHOTOGRAPH PRIOR TO THE SESSION,  
BUT THEY WOULD WISH THE NAMES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE  
AMERICAN POOL IN ADVANCE. ALSO, AS IN THE PAST,  
THEY THOUGHT THE TWO SIDES' PRESS CONFERENCES SHOULD  
TAKE PLACE AT DIFFERENT TIMES TO PERMIT THE JOURNALISTS  
TO ATTEND BOTH. SINCE THE MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE  
SRV EMBASSY AND THE JOURNALISTS WILL BE OUTSIDE  
THAT BUILDING, THE SRV PROPOSES THAT THE SRV PRESS  
CONFERENCE TAKE PLACE FIRST AND THEN THE JOURNALISTS  
CAN ATTEND THE PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE AMERICAN  
EMBASSY. DO THANH NOTED THAT PHAN HIEN HAS NOT YET  
DEFINITELY DECIDED WHETHER HE WOULD GIVE A PRESS  
CONFERENCE.

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4. EMBOFF GAVE DO THANH THE COPY OF THE STATE  
DEPARTMENT'S SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT AND Q AND A  
(STATE 281127).

5. EMBOFF TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE MEETING AGAIN TO  
STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF SOME SUBSTANTIVE REPLY  
CONCERNING THE BRILLIG AFFAIR AND NOTED THAT MORE  
THAN SIX WEEKS HAD ELAPSED SINCE THE YACHT WAS  
SEIZED.

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